



Defendant's Disclosure of Interested Parties was on or before September 18, 2020.”<sup>5</sup> Defendant Mendoza further explains that, “[a]lthough Defendant's counsel prepared their Disclosure of Interested Parties, it was inadvertently not timely filed. Defendant, MARTHA MENDOZA, respectfully requests this Honorable Court grant her Motion for Leave to Late File her Disclosure of Interested Parties attached to this document as Exhibit ‘A’ so that Defendant is not prejudiced.”<sup>6</sup>

The Court admonishes Defendant Mendoza that when, as here, a motion is unopposed, it must “bear in [its] caption ‘unopposed.’”<sup>7</sup> Furthermore, Defendant’s motion lacks numbered paragraphs entirely.<sup>8</sup> The Court cautions Defendant that future submissions should consistently number each paragraph to properly comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.<sup>9</sup> Finally, Defendant filed the motion, its exhibit, and its associated proposed order as separate docket entries.<sup>10</sup> To avoid cluttering the Court’s docket, the Court cautions Defendant that future motions should include their exhibits and proposed orders as subparts of the motion in the electronic case filing system and should not be filed as independent docket entries.

Turning now to the merits of Defendant’s motion, assuming September 18th was Defendant Mendoza’s deadline to file her disclosure of interested parties, Defendant’s motion is twenty-six days past the deadline. Nevertheless, Plaintiff United States is not opposed to the motion. Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** Defendant’s motion<sup>11</sup> and **ORDERS** Defendant

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<sup>5</sup> Dkt. No. 13 at 1.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> LR7.2; *cf.* LR10.1.

<sup>8</sup> *See* Dkt. No. 13.

<sup>9</sup> FED. R. CIV. P. 7(b)(2) (“The rules governing captions and other matters of form in pleadings apply to motions and other papers.”); FED. R. CIV. P. 10(b) (emphasis added) (“A party must state its claims or defenses *in numbered paragraphs*, each limited as far as practicable to a single set of circumstances.”).


<sup>10</sup> Dkt. Nos. 13–15.

<sup>11</sup> Dkt. No. 13.

Martha Mendoza to file her disclosure of interested parties<sup>12</sup> as a new docket entry. The Court cautions Defendant to meet the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, this Court's Local Rules, and accord with this Court's orders in future submissions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DONE at McAllen, Texas, this 16th day of October 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Alvarez", is written over a horizontal line.

Micaela Alvarez  
United States District Judge

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<sup>12</sup> Dkt. No. 14.